

**School District of River Falls
2021-2022
Charter School Authorizer Annual Report**

Authorizer Annual Report Checklist

When completing the Charter School Authorizer Annual Report, verify that:

- All sections of the report are present, and all schedules are completed and attached.
- For school district authorizers, the schedule of authorizer operating costs has been included as a supplement to the school district's annual audited financial statements submitted to DPI.
- The report has been completed at the authorizer level, rather than completed for an individual school.
- Authorizer operating costs have been identified in Section VI. This section should not be left blank.
- The operating costs reported in Section VI reflect **only** the costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e) which include:
 - Soliciting and evaluating charter school applications,
 - Considering the principles and standards for quality authorizing established by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers,
 - Giving preference in the awarding of contracts for the operation of charter schools that serve children at risk,
 - Approving high-quality charter schools that meet identified educational needs and promote a diversity of educational choices, and
 - Monitoring the performance and compliance with Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 of each charter school with which it contracts.

The operating costs in this section should **not** reflect the operating costs for the authorized charter school(s).

- The total amounts reported in Section VI and Section VII are not the same. As noted above, Section VI should only include operating costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e); while Section VII should include the costs of services the authorizing entity provided to the charter schools with which it contracts. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**
- Costs reported in Section VII are only the costs of services provided to the charter school(s). Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in this section include but are not limited to: costs for business office services, costs for food services, curriculum services, professional development services, etc. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**

For further instructions and requirements related to completing each section of this report see the charter school authorizer annual report technical assistance document at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools/information-authorizers>.

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

Authorizing Entity:	School District of River Falls
Authorizer Address:	852 E. Division Street, River Falls, WI 54022
Authorizer Contact Person:	Jamie Benson
Contact Person Title:	Superintendent
Contact Person Phone:	715-425-1800 ext.1103
Contact Person Email:	jamie.benson@rfsd.k12.wi.us

SECTION II: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

(Add additional lines or attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract in 2021-2022:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx):	Grades Served:
River Falls e-School	River Falls e-School Governing Board	7/1/2021-6/30/2022	K-8
River Falls Public Montessori Academy	River Falls Public Montessori Elementary, Inc.	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2022	4K-6
Renaissance Charter Academy	Renaissance Charter Academy	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2022	9-12

Charter Schools with Non-renewed or Revoked Contract during 2021-2022:			
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx)*:	Reason for Non-renewal or Revocation:

Charter Schools that Closed During or at the Conclusion of 2021-2022:			
School Name:	Date of School Closure:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx):	Reason for Closure:

Charter Schools Currently Approved During 2021-2022		
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:	Contract Term Dates (7/1/20xx - 6/30/20xx):
River Falls e-School	River Falls e-School Governing Board	7/1/2021-6/30/2022

Optional:

Charter Schools Petitions Received but not Approved during 2021-2022:	
School Name:	Charter School's Governing Board Legal Entity Name:

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

In this section, provide a summary of the academic performance of each charter school that operated during the school year.

River Falls eSchool

The River Falls eSchool Charter School provides an at-home, virtual learning experience for students to thrive in personalized learning, and to ensure the development of every student's unique potential in order to excel as responsible, productive, global citizens, facilitated by forward-thinking staff in a safe, nurturing, and collaborative environment. The River Falls eSchool Charter School will utilize Wisconsin Virtual School Curriculum or other innovative curricular materials that meet the District's identified essential standards K-8 in all content areas.

The Charter School shall provide an environment whereby students have the freedom to study at their preferred pace, time and place under the supervision of their parent(s) and Local Education Guide. The Charter School will utilize an instructional delivery model in which instruction may be done in the student's home. This may be accomplished through use of available correspondence or online courses. It will also utilize special techniques of course design, special instructional techniques, special methods of communication by electronic and other technology, as well as organizational and administrative arrangements.

During the 2021-22 school year, the River Falls eSchool served a total of 33 students in grades K-8. 0% of students tested in Grade 3, 100% of students tested in Grade 4, 75% of students tested in Grade 5, 100% of students tested in Grade 6, 100% of students tested in Grade 7, and 50% of students tested in Grade 8 were proficient or advanced in Reading/Language Arts as demonstrated on the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Additionally, 0% of students tested in Grade 3, 66.7% of students tested in Grade 4, 75% of students tested in Grade 5, 0% of students tested in Grade 6, 100% of students tested in Grade 7, and 30% of students tested in Grade 8 were proficient or advanced in Math on their Wisconsin Forward Exam results.

Wisconsin Forward Exam Results

Grade	Students Tested	ELA Percent Proficient or Advanced	Math Percent Proficient or Advanced
3	4	0% (0 of 4)	0% (0 of 4)
4	3	100% (3 of 3)	66.7% (2 of 3)
5	4	75% (3 of 4)	75% (3 of 4)
6	1	100% (1 of 1)	0% (0 of 1)
7	3	100% (3 of 3)	100% (3 of 3)
8	10	50% (5 of 10)	30% (3 of 10)

River Falls Public Montessori Academy

River Falls Public Montessori Elementary is a collaborative community that supports the development of intrinsically motivated, inquisitive, critical thinking citizens who realize their full potential to serve and positively impact the world. By following the Montessori Method, we promote individualized learning through the exploration and inquiry in multi-aged communities to develop the whole child. During the 2021-22 school year, the River Falls Public Montessori Academy served a total of 200 students in grades 4K-6. 23.3% of students tested in Grade 3, 33.3% of students tested in Grade 4, 40.7% of students tested in Grade 5 and 52.9% of students tested in Grade 6 were proficient or advanced in Reading/Language Arts as demonstrated on the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Additionally, 6.7% of students tested in Grade 3, 26.7% of students tested in Grade 4, 29.6% of students tested in Grade 5 and 41.2% of students tested in Grade 6 were proficient or advanced in Math on their Wisconsin Forward Exam results.

Wisconsin Forward Exam Results

Grade	Students Tested	ELA Percent Proficient or Advanced	Math Percent Proficient or Advanced
3	96.7%	23.3%	6.7%
4	80%	33.3%	26.7%
5	100%	40.7%	29.6%
6	94.1%	52.9%	41.2%

The Renaissance Charter Academy

The Renaissance Charter Academy is an innovative, charter school that offers programs to meet the needs of a wide range of learners. Our specialty lies in the area of individualized learning with social & emotional support. The Renaissance Academy partners with the River Falls High School to offer students a larger variety of courses, electives, sports, activities, and clubs. We also offer dual credit courses in cooperation with local technical colleges. We ensure that all students have a firm grasp of core academics and skills necessary to achieve post-secondary life goals. Students at the Renaissance Academy are expected to demonstrate independent learning skills and embrace the concept of lifelong learning. Academic and career planning is essential in helping students explore careers and the postsecondary options that connect to those careers. An evening program is offered for students interested in credit recovery. During the 2021-21 school year, the Renaissance Charter Academy served a total of up to 74 full time students in grades 9-12, and an additional four students were provided educational services offered through their Knight Program during the past school year. Of the 29 seniors enrolled in the program, 26 graduated from the River Falls School District. The Renaissance Charter Academy completes the annual PI-9550-ASA report for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction annually.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

In this section, provide a summary of the financial performance of each charter school that operated during the school year.

The River Falls eSchool, River Falls Public Montessori Elementary, and the Renaissance Charter Academy have met all of the District financial objectives and guidelines established for the 2021-2022 school year. They are all in good financial standing in the River Falls School District.

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)

In this section, provide a summary and discussion of any additional contract terms or expectations that the authorizer deems relevant to its report on the overall performance of the charter schools it authorizes.

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

(Complete and attach audited Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs.)

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include, but are not limited to:

- o costs incurred by the authorizer to oversee and monitor its charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties);
- o costs incurred for soliciting, receiving, and reviewing applications for new charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties which may include administrative staff, business office staff, legal staff, etc.);
- o costs incurred for completing and analyzing charter school data for the purpose of making renewal and revocation decisions; and
- o any additional costs associated with duties under Wis. Stats. s. 118.40(3m)(a) to (e)

(please reference Technical Assistance document for the language of 118.30(3m)(a)-(e)).

Costs that should not be included in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include salary and fringe for the teachers at the charter school, costs of charter school transportation, curriculum services, food service, etc. **Only costs associated with the authorizer fulfilling its duties should be reported in this schedule.**

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

(Complete and attach Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs.)

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of services and costs include, but are not limited to:

- costs for business office services;
- costs for food services;
- curriculum services; or
- professional development services.

Costs and types of services may vary depending upon the contractual relationship between the authorizer and the charter school. Please note that contracted services provided to a charter and authorizer costs are not the same. **The expenditures in Section VI and Section VII should not match.**

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Section VI

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

2021-2022

RIVER FALLS ESCHOOL

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	\$2,139.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	\$723.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
TOTAL		\$2,862.00

RIVER FALLS PUBLIC MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	\$38,661.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	\$12,775.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
TOTAL		\$51,436.00

RENAISSANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	\$10,697.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	\$3,615.00
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	
TOTAL		\$14,312.00

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SECTION VII

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

RIVER FALLS ESCHOOL

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	\$139.96
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	
TECHNOLOGY	266000	
OTHER SERVICES (REPLACE OTHER WITH A SERVICE)		
TOTAL		\$139.96

RIVER FALLS PUBLIC MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	\$2472.00
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	
TECHNOLOGY	266000	
OTHER SERVICES (REPLACE OTHER WITH A SERVICE)		
TOTAL		\$2472.00

RENAISSANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	\$699.00
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	
TECHNOLOGY	266000	
OTHER SERVICES (REPLACE OTHER WITH A SERVICE)		
TOTAL		\$699.00